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CATCH THE WIND

Lake Palic is those first day of May occupied by sails, sailors, judges, race officers, visitors.

The first three days of the month, there was a important regatta for Serbian sailors, and just the next weekend from 5Th to 8Th of May, here is SEEEOC with it's 70 young sailors, coaches, parents...And more than 10 different languages spoken by 8 national sailing teams, Albania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Slovakia and Serbia, judges from Australia, Belgium, Italy, Croatia and Germany. The first day of regatta we had a great sunny day, wind didn't served us to have at least one race. But the second day, we had three races. The tradition of SEEEOC is to prize winners of each day of regatta, so the best sailors of the second day of regatta were:

Lilla Takacsy, Csenge Veenstra and Ivan Pušić in the first race; Linda Mankova, Ivan Pušić and Nikola Kr-gović in second race; Csenge Veenstra, Lilla Takacsy and Ziegler Kristof in third race; Ziegler Kristof, Aron Tenke and Ivan Pušić in last, fourth race.

We are expecting windy and sunny day tomorrow, the last day of regatta.



SEEEOC 2011 – IMPRESSIONS

Impressions of our guests

Our guest from Belgium, Willeke Straus, a wife of our International Jury member Joep Straus, took a lot of great photos during her stay on Palic, so we asked her to give us her impression, and choose one of her photos for BOOM.

- This picture says what our visit here is all about: sailing, Serbia and sightseeing. Sailing in the very first place. What is more exciting than a fleet of competitive Optimists? We found it here at SEEEOC 2011 in Palic. Most of the time we are engaged in regatta's and then often meet Serbian sailors. We had no idea on which water they were sailing. If the Serbians visit our events, why not journey through Europe to see their sailing waters? We traveled to here, received a very warm welcome and were surprised about the magnificent atmosphere here at Lake Palic. It's a unique spot: Joep enjoys the regatta on the water as a member of the jury; I love to walk around with my camera taking pictures. So much to see around here! Enthusiastic sailors and sunshine today. In addition wind for tomorrow. Cross fingers! 'Optimisten hebben de halve wereld'- Optimists own half the world-, as they say in Dutch.



Message of hope for Japanese sailors

During the regatta, all participants got a small origami boat to write down their personal message for Japanese sailors. That way SEEEOC 2011 formed a small, but powerful fleet of origami wish-boats, that carry our deep sympathy for the Japan people in the days of such a big tragedy for their country. Here are some of them:

"To the Japanese people, in particular to all my friends in Tsumnoka, Yamagata District. My thoughts are wit you. Benno Loske"

"Even when the situation is the worst there is hope. And be aware that y u are not the only ones who hope. We do as well. With hope to see you next year in Waymouth, Mina Stanikic"

"We hope you'll smile again. SRB 501"

"Help all kids in Japan. Judua Shum"

"May the Earth be so quite. May the see be gentle. May the sky be clear for you. Ljiljana Grujic"

"We will be happy to sail again together at Palic lake." (without name)

"Laat met Jullie voor de wimd gaam. Joep"

After the regatta, we will send all those messages and beautiful drawings to the Japanese sailors.



THE TEAMS

At SEEEOC 2011 were 700 competitors from 8 countries:

Albania: Iselda Carkanji; **Czech Republic:** Martin Kmenta, Veronika Zivna; **Macedonia:** Ivo Ilinčev, Evelina Arnaudova, Ilče Grunce, Novica Veljanovski, Andrej Paskali; **Montenegro:** Nikola Krgović, Milan Crnogorac, Vase Milojević; **Hungary:** Marton Kurucz, Csenge Veenstra, Mate Scharf; Marton Durbak, Aron Tenke, Nikolett Pinter, Balazs Argai, Ziegler Kristof, Lilla Takacsy; **Slovakia:** Adam Ferianec, Peter Kincl, Linda Mankova, Michaela Kecskesova, Michal Boros; **Slovenia:** Matija Kocjančić, Maj Musa Olivieri, Toni Rebec. **AJK Beograd:** Ivan Putnik, Ana Ignjatijević, Aleksandar Jovanović, Ivona Kosor, Ilija Nikolić, Marko Petković, Aleksandar Petković; **JK Metalac:** Luka Rakić, Miloš Ilić; **JK Gemax:** Tara Živković, Milana Funduković, Maja Funduković, Luka Erac, Lazar Kosić, Miljan Puletić, Katarina Radivojević, Isidora Puletić, Lena Puletić, Ines Obradović; **JK Palić:** Ivan Kiš, Sanja Dobrički, Sofija Dobrički; **JK Povetarac:** Lena Žunić, Olga Mladenović, Luka Šarenac, Matija Šarenac, Ivo Martinović, Nikola Mladenović; **JK Vojvodina:** Nađa Stanikić, Mila Ilić, Uroš Đerman, Jovana Ilić, Vuk Simić; **JK Z. Radosavljević:** Lazar Radovanović, Stela Buljovčić, Larisa Buljovčić, Makarije Jakšić; **JK Zemun:** Petar Bojović, Mlutin Petković, Mlutin Petković, Luka Marković, Anđela Pavić.

FUN ON THE SHORE

Opening ceremony

There is a traditions of SEEEOC opening ceremonies, to have a program where artists and other young people from Palic, Subotica and neighborhood cities shows their skills. So we had a dancers, fire jongleurs, majorette dancers...



Medals every day

Every day we had a small prize giving ceremony. The winners of every race held during the daz got the medals.

Lottery and karaoke surprises

Lottery with great gifts for our sailors are another SEEEOC traditions. This year we had a very nice surprise from our guests, Veenstra family from Hungary. They brought a great gift for our lottery, a bike! They are a regular guests of SEEEOC, and Csenge Veenstra won the first prize – Ulman Sails sail - on the SEEEOC 2010 lottery. With another gifts from Optiparts Serbia the kids had a great surprise. After the lottery, there were karaoke competition with a lot of fun and laugh.



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